GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4853
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FREE TRAVEL FACILITY TO RECIPIENTS OF PARAMVEER, MAHAVEER VEER & CHAKRA AWARD
RAMPAL SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently taken any decision to provide the facility of free of cost travel in Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains to the recipients of Gallantry awards;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend this facility to those civilians also who are recipients of the bravery awards at the national level;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): First class/ A C 2 tier complimentary card passes issued to Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra gallantry awardees have been made valid for travel in AC 2 tier/ AC 3 tier of Rajdhani and chair car of Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Express trains.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The complimentary card passes are issued to Gallantry awardees of defence/police forces as per scheme of Ministry ofRailways. Due to financial and other repercussions, it has not been possible to extend the scope of the scheme to civilian gallantry awardees.